Happiness is 4-H

72 participate in demo contest

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

Seventy-two Junior 4-h'ers presented demonstrations and illustrated talks during last Saturday's County Demonstration Contest. Winners will compete in an Area Junior Contest in Rustburg this coming Saturday, April 11. 4-H'ers from Amherst, Lynchburg, Bedford, Campbell and Halifax will be involved in the area program.

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Five Appomattox 4-H'ers participated in the Annual Block and Bridle 4-H FFA Meats Contest last week at Virginia Tech. The meats team consisting of Brett Marston, Janet Smith, David Short, April Talbot and Pam Scruggs placed fifth out of fourteen teams competing.

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4-HCamp applications are now available from the Extension Office. 4-H'ers will receive these during their regular meetings in April. Appomattox 4-H members will attend Holiday Lake 4-H Camp during the week of June 15-19.

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4-H'ers still have time to consign market lambs and market hogs for the Piedmont Junior Market Hog Show on June 11 in Farmville. Several 4-H'ers will be purchasing feeder lambs and feeder pigs during the month of April to raise as show animals. Give us a call if you're interested.

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Senior 4-H'ers will be involved in the East Central District Contest to be held on April 25, at Appomattox County High School. Teenager 4-H'er from a nineteen-county area will be participating in this program which will include such activities as archery skills, tractor driving, Public Speaking, Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Dress Revue, auto skill driving and Sharethe fun. All of these activites will be going on during the time period from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Winners in the various contest areas will compete at the state level in June.

Nine locals perform at Fine Arts Center

Nine students from classes at Appomattox Music Studio performed two pieces from memory at the annual Fine Arts Center Piano Competition held Saturday, April 4 at the Fine Arts Center in Lynchburg, Va. Each student's performance involved two pieces each from a different period of musical literature.

Judges from local college faculties evaluated the students on their rhythmic and note-reading accuracy as well as Technique and Interpretation of style and ornamentation.

First place prize of $25.00 was awarded the top performer in each category from Primary to Grade 6; Grades 7-9; and Grades 10-Collegiate. This award is courtesy of Roberts Piano Company. A Second Prize of a record given by Blue Goose Record Company was awarded to each second place winner in each category.

Performing from the class of Mrs. Karen Gibson are Mary Beth Drinkard and Susan Carnefix.

Performing from the class of Mrs. Virginia Carnefix are as follows: Kathy White, Jo Ellen Garrett, Annie Hancock, Brett Marston, Sherry Wilcox, Lisa Williamson, Lisa Rogers. Seventy-three students participated in this event. The largest number in the history of the FAC Competiton. We wish to thank the FAC, Roberts Piano Company and Blue Goose Records for making this event possible.

Ask premeasurement

By TOM CONRAD

Premeasurement available

Before planting spring crops that could be covered under the 1981 farm program, farmers may want to request premeasurement of their acreages.

To help farmers obtain accurate crop acreages, ASCS will stake and measure the land before crop planting time. Farmers are required to plant within the stakes that are placed when the land is measured, and, for full program compliance, certify or report their crop acreages to ASCS after planting.

The measured acreages is guaranteed and farmers who take advantage of the service will avoid unnecessary worry about the loss of 1981 farm program benefits.

Other producer services offered to farmers by ASCS include measuring total cropland, field or subdivisions to be planted and land areas for other purposes. Fees vary, based on the type of service rendered.

Pre-measurement is especially useful before planting tobacco crops. The service also helps producers decide which fields to plant to certain crops.

To request pre-measurement, farmers should contact the ASCS office.

Loan Interest Rates Change

The interest rates for 1981 commodity loans and for farm facility loans approved on or after April 1, 1981 will be 14.5 percent per annum until adjusted.

The 14.5 percent rate is an increase of 3 percent on commodity loans and 2 percent on facility loans.

Interest rates will be variable on all loans approved on or after April 1, 1981, and will be reviewed each October and April and may be adjusted (increased or decreased) during the period the loans are outstanding.

Outstanding loans approved prior to April 1, 1981 will retain the same interest rate approved and the rates will not be variable.

Virginia Corn Planting May Be Higher Than 1980 - Virginia farmers report 1981 corn planting intentions at 870,000 acres, up one percent from the actual plantings of 830,000 acres in 1980, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's prospective plantings report.

Soybean acreages in Virginia are estimated at 750,000 acres, up 1.2 percent from actual plantings of last year's 620,000 acre soybean crop.

USDA's planting intention report was based on a survey taken in January and March of approximately 84,000 growers who voluntarily provided acreages for the individual crops

ASCS Today

UDC plans memorial service

The United Daughters of the Confederacy is planning a memorial service to honor those who fell for the Confederacy. The service will be held April 9 at 11 a.m. at the Confederate cemetery on the Grounds.

The Rev. Dan Camden will be the guest speaker for the event.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Pamplin news

Mrs. Ada Barbour of Gretna is recuperating with her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Hamlett after a stay in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Thornton of Richmond were visitors in town last week.

Mrs. Edna Price returned home Wednesday after spending some time with her brandson, Robbie Price in Washington Hospital Center where he underwent knee surgery.

April is Cancer Crusade month so expect volunteers to be ringing your door bell.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Maxwell, Billy and Anne Marie of Pageland, S.C., spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell.

Mrs. Earl J. Smith spent the past weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Donna Smith in Richmond.

Sympathy extended to Mrs. Earl T. Pickett on the death of her father, Mr. Herbert Daniel of Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. W. B. Williams of Richmond visited relatives here over the weekend.

The Homemakers Club met Monday evening at Elon Baptist Church with the president, Mrs. Robert Mines presiding. Mrs. Richard Williams, Jr. was in charge of the program which was on salads.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Pamplin will hold a public hearing on April 21, 1981 and on April 29, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. at the Pamplin Town Hall for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 1981-82 and the use of Revenue Sharing funds as contained in that proposed budget, summarized below.

General revenue sharing (GRS) is a program of general fiscal support from the federal government to state and local governments with only limited federal requirements about how the money should be spent. Decisions on the use of these funds are made at the local level, by the government and people closest to local problems. The revenue sharing regulations require a hearing on the proposed use of these funds in relation to the overall budget before the budget is adopted each year.

All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and to submit comments.

A copy of this information, the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection on Wednesday afternoon of each week at the Pamplin Town Office.

TOWN OF PAMPLIN
1981-82 Proposed Budget

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	
Town Taxes	3,500.00
Bank Stock Tax	3,000.00
Corporation Tax	1,800.00
Merchants License	500.00
A.B.C. Profits	4,000.00
Sales Tax	3,500.00
Cemetery Lots	200.00
Town Tags	1,500.00
Rolling Stock	15.00
Reimbursables	900.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	19,003.00
TOTAL REVENUE SHARING-1981	7,000.00
Revenue Sharing - 1980	13,000.00
Certificates	40,000.00
Total	79,003.00
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: Revenue Sharing will be used for General Fund Expenditures.	
Salary	10,140.00
Electricity - Town	1,300.00
Electricity - School	700.00
Insurance	2,650.00
Social Security	600.00
Federal Tax	900.00
State Tax	300.00
Truck Expense	2,700.00
Virginia Municipal League	110.00
Town Tags	100.00
Mayor & Council Compensation	2,000.00
Telephone	300.00
Office Supplies	500.00
Road Repair	2,000.00
Preparation of Town Code	500.00
Donations:	
Vol. Fire Department	1,000.00
Rescue Squad	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500.00
Total general expenditures	27,900.00
General Contingency Fund 27,000.00	
Cemetery Contingency Fund 1,000.00	
	28,000.00
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Spring feeder sale exceeds 1980 sale

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The spring feeder sale last week in Lynchburg was higher than a year ago.

There were 1197 steers weighing 638 pounds that averaged $66.36. Last year these calves averaged $61.49.

The 528 heifers weighing 566 pounds averaged $61.63. A year ago heifers brought $57.00.

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Plans are being made to offer producers of Holstein steers an opportunity to cooperatively market these cattle under the auspices of the Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Association. The sale date has not been set, but will probably be in the early fall.

If you have Holstein steers that you would like to consign, please let us know so that information can be forwarded to you.

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Everything points to Virginia being classified as a "B" state on January 1, 1982 because of the high number of brucellosis infected herds.

The most important action for every cattle producer is to vaccinate heifers. Do this whether you keep them or not. Remember:

1. Brucellosis vaccination must be done by a veterinarian.
2. Only reduced dosage strain 19 vaccine now used in Virginia.
3. Heifers may be vaccinated from 4 through 12 months of age.
4. All calfhood vaccinated heifers must be tattooed and have an orange colored tag placed in their ear.

All heifer calves consigned to special feeder sale in Lynchburg this fall must be calfhood vaccinated. Several other sales have taken this action and others are expected to follow.

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So you are planting soybeans? Better check the soil pH. Samples need to go in now. The soils lab is running a three week backlog. Fields testing 5.8 to 6.0 will benefit if seed are treated with molybdenum.

Seeding rate is important. Contrary to what many believe, it is impossible to give seeding rates in terms of seed per acre unless you know how many seed there are in each pound. Seed of soybeans vary from 1800 seed per pound to as many as 5,000. The number of viable seed which are put in the ground, not the pounds of seed, is the important thing.

Soybeans planted before May 25 should be seeded at the rate of 100,000 to 125,000 seed per acre. This might be as few as 20 pounds of small seed or as much as 60 pounds of a very large seeded variety.

Seeding rate should be increased as the seeding date is delayed so that about 200,000 to 220,000 seed are used following wheat.

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We anticipate a label using paraquat for chickweed control in alfalfa immediately following harvest. It is our understanding that there is no loss in production even though the next cutting is delayed 4 to 5 days. As soon as this label comes through, we will let you know.

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Ants are consructing mounds in lawn areas. Control can be obtained by using diazinon.

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The Eastern tent caterpillar is beginning to form its tents in the crotches of apple, cherry and flowering fruit trees. Don't burn them out. This damages the tree. The earlier treatment is started, the easier it is to control the pest. Dipel, orthene, diazinon, methoxychlor, malathion and sevin should give control.

FFA alumni to meet

The Appomattox FFA Alumni Association will hold its annual dinner meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the ACHS cafeteria.

This year's meeting will be held in conjunction with the Senior FFA's Parent-Member Banquet. This joint meeting will afford Alumni members a unique opportunity to observe the current FFA activities and keep informed of areas in which the association can be of help.

The purpose of the FFA Alumni Association is to help support, assist and promote FFA on the local, state and national level. Membership is open to any friend of FFA, not just former members.

Persons wishing to join or to attend the banquet should make reservations by calling the ACHS Agricultural Education Department at 352-5602 before noon of April 13.

Students perform 'Soup' play

A group of students in Miss Johnson's reading class at Appomattox Elementary School performed in a play called "Stone Soup" on March 30. The play was from an old Russian folk tale about three hungry soldiers who trick the townspeople into thinking that the soldiers can make soup from stones. Actors in the play were: Wayne Peak, Joey Moore, Ronnie Guill, Brandon Ford, Jesse Hernandez and Malcolm Booker as local townspeople. Costumes and props were used for the play.

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"The South 40"
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PTA meets at AMS April 13

Due to Spring break, the Appomattox Middle School PTA meeting has been changed from Monday, April 20 to Monday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The chorus will present a program of music, and the art department will have exhibits prepared for viewing. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for the 1981-82 school year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

STATE FFA PRESIDENT LYNN KNOONTZ (right) was welcomed to Appomattox by local chapter president Richard Jones.

Koontz visits local FFA

Lynn Koontz, State President of the Future Farmers of America, visited the Appomattox Senior FFA on March 1 for the FFA meeting. Lynn presented an informal talk about the many opportunities available in the FFA. He told of opportunities such as proficiency awards that members can apply for and the many trips and cash awards given to state and national conventions and other places. Also mentioned was the international exchange program for students to travel abroad and the many FFA contests that are open to FFA members.

Lynn concluded his talk with a report of his trip to Germany for International Green Week, an international agricultural exposition. He emphasized the differences in the level of individual freedom that he observed in his travel between East and West Germany as a part of his trip.

Following the FFA meeting Lynn answered questions from several FFA members and then left to visit other FFA chapters in the area.

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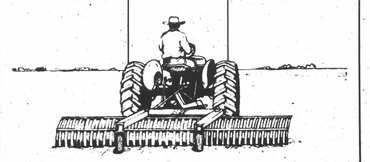

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AMS news notes

Students' works cited

AMS PTA will meet April 13, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The chorus' annual spring concert and the Art Department's annual art show will be the program for the meeting. Music students are preparing a number of popular selections as well as several sacred songs and an original student composition. We would like to invite you to come out and see our student's art work and enjoy our Chorus' performance.

The following was taken from the papers of Susan Booker, Janice Foster, Stepanie Martin, Florence Miller and Tiffany Royal.

"On March 24, 1981, Tuesday our Home Economics Gifted and Talented class (Florence Miller, Jeannice Bartelt, Stefanie Martin, Nancy Cole, Janice Foster, Susan Booker, Emily Shea and Tiffany Royal) took a trip to Babcock Manor. We were escorted by Ms. Susan Williams."

"When we got there we had a tour of the place. Then we went and talked to some of the people." "Those living at Babcock Manor were allowed to bring in their own furniture and decorate their rooms like they want too. Most of the people had old photographs and things as such that reminded them of their homes and families." "We sang songs for the people at Babcock Manor. They seemed to enjoy our songs because they sang with us."

My class and I would like to thank Mr. Babcock and his staff for allowing us to visit the manor.

Home Ec. students have been discussing maturity and the following are poems done as independent projects by two 7th graders.

Shirley Cashwell-"Do You Know Yourself?"

Can you describe the person
Who is attractive and
well being.
One who will be neat.
The one who is nice,
With all that sugar and spice.
Well can you guess who?
It is about time I tell you.
It's you.

Lora Thompson-"What You Think Is What you Get"

If you measure yourself
That You can't win
Then change to pleasure and
Say that you can.
If you don't win
Once you try,
Then do what most do,
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